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Hong et al

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97-1.98, Applicant submits the enclosed Form PTO-1449, along with copies of the documents listed therein.

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Respectfully submitted,

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